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SUBJECT: Avian Influenza Update: 180,000 Birds Destroyed; No
Evidence of Animal-to-Human Transmission

REF: A. Guangzhou 1048; B. Hong Kong 2443

1. (SBU) Director of the Guangdong Veterinary Center of Epidemic Prevention and Control Yu Yedong told us September 20 that the Guangzhou government had culled 180,000 fowl from farms within three kilometers of Sixian village (Ref A). NOTE: This is an increase from the 134,384 ducks, 18,786 chickens, and 150 doves culled by September 18. END NOTE. In addition, it mandated a second vaccine injection for poultry located near the infection area. These steps supplement the September 18 decision by the Panyu district government to suspend the operation of poultry markets located within the thirteen-kilometer-radius infection surveillance zone. Hong Kong authorities have also taken steps to prevent the introduction of avian influenza there (Ref B).

No Human Cases

2. (SBU) Guangdong Department of Health Emergency Response Office Director Wu Yueqi told us that more than 60 people who had been in contact with the infected ducks -- including farmers and quarantine staff -- have had blood tests and are under a seven-day medical observation. No flu-like symptoms have yet been reported from this group. The Department of Health continues to stress the surveillance of flu and pneumonia-like symptoms with unknown causes.

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